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	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Derraa, Ammar
	<b>COMPLETE IF KNOWN</b>	
	<b>Application Number</b>	
	<b>Filing Date</b>	
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**Method of Forming a Conductive Contact**

the specification of which (Title of the Invention)

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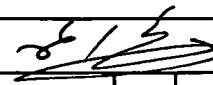
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Name of Sole or First Inventor: ☐ A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor

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Attorney Docket No. MTI-31533

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Applicant : Derraa, Ammar  
Serial No. :  
Filing Date :  
For : Method of Forming a Conductive Contact

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE  
AND CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR § 3.73(b)**

Sir:

MICRON TECHNOLOGY, INC., assignee of the entire right, title and interest by assignment from the inventor(s) in the above-identified application, hereby appoints the following attorneys and agents:

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as its attorneys with full power of substitution to prosecute this application and all applications claiming filing date priority therefrom and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith.

**The above-identified assignee hereby elects, pursuant to 37 CFR §3.71, to conduct the prosecution of the above-identified patent application to the exclusion of the inventor(s).**

A chain of title from the inventor(s) of the above-identified patent application to the above-identified assignee is shown:

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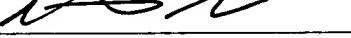
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Dated: 8-27-01

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Attorney's Docket No. MTI-31533

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### ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION (SINGLE INVENTOR)

In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration,

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and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE  
(complete one of the following)

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and which is found in (37 C.F.R. § 3.21)

- (a) ☒ U.S. patent application executed on even date herewith
- (b) ☐ U.S. patent application executed on \_\_\_\_\_.
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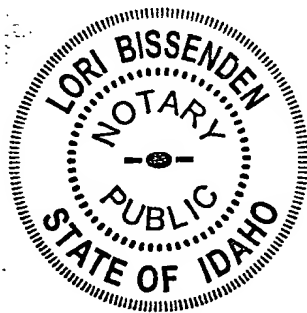
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and seal this \_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_, 2001.

Date: 08/22/01

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2001.

**My Commission Expires:**



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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: Derraa, Ammar

Application No./Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Filed/Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Entitled: Method of Forming a Conductive Contact

Micron Technology, Inc., a \_\_\_\_\_ Corporation  
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of an undivided part interest

in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel \_\_\_\_\_, Frame \_\_\_\_\_, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

8-27-01  
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